

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the paragraphs appearing at page 3, line 17, through page 4, line 25 (these page and line numbers referring to the specification as filed), and previously amended in the Preliminary Amendment dated July 1, 2005, as follows:

—To achieve the above objective, according to one aspect of the present invention, an information processing apparatus is provided that is capable of communicating with a plurality of peripheral devices. That apparatus comprises a storage device, for storing predetermined objects for the peripheral devices based on directory information. Designation means are provided, for designating a specific object indicating a peripheral device having a predetermined function, and detection Detection means, responsive to a designation by the designation means, detect the a designated specific object in the directory information read from the storage device. Also provided are display means, for displaying, in accordance with a tree list, the specific object detected by the detection means, and control means, which, based on the number of steps along a directory path leading from a local object corresponding to one of the peripheral devices locally connected to the information processing apparatus to the specific object corresponding to another specific peripheral device, having the same function but not locally connected to the information processing apparatus, permit the display means to display, in accordance with the tree list, the specific object detected by the detection means.

According to another aspect of the invention, an information processing apparatus is provided that is capable of communicating with a plurality of peripheral devices, and that comprises a storage device, for storing predetermined objects for the peripheral devices based on directory information. There are provided designation means for designating a

specific object indicating a peripheral device having a predetermined function, and detection means, responsive to a designation by the designation means, for detecting the a specific designated object in the directory information read from the storage device. Claim 23 recites that the peripheral device for the local object and the peripheral device for the specific object designated by the designation means have the same function. Display means are provided, for displaying, in accordance with a tree list, the specific object detected by the detection means, and control means that, when the detected object is to be displayed on the display means in accordance with a tree list, omit an intermediate directory path to the specific object. Claim 23 also recites that the The control means permit the display means, based on the number of steps along a directory path leading from a local object corresponding to one of the peripheral devices locally connected to the information processing apparatus to the specific object corresponding to another specific peripheral device not locally connected to the information processing apparatus, to display, in accordance with the tree list, the specific object detected by the detection means.

According to still another aspect of the invention is provided an information processing apparatus having a search function, comprising a registration means, a display means, a designation means and a search means. The registration means register a peripheral device in correspondence to a predetermined peripheral device folder. The display means display a search designation object for designating a search designation provided in correspondence to the peripheral device folder. The designation means designate the search designation object. The search means search, responsive to a designation by the designation means, for a peripheral device having a function

corresponding to the search designation object designated by the designation means, and  
the display means display a search result obtained by the search means.--